

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jim Shockley, on April 1, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ron Arthun, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Llew Jones (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 25, 3/30/2011; SR 6, 3/30/2011

Executive Action: SJ 25, Do Pass; SR 6, Be Adopted As Amended

**HEARING ON SJ 25**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:14 Sen. Lynda Moss (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SJ 25, Joint resolution in support of Japanese affected by earthquake, tsunami.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:31 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:15 Sen. Mowbray

00:05:31 Sen. Moss

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:05:54 Sen. Moss

**DISCUSSION HB 483**

00:06:21 Chairman Shockley

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts73a01)

00:08:25 Chairman Shockley relinquished the chair to Vice-Chairman Arthun.

**HEARING ON SR 6**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:08:42 Sen. Jim Shockley (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SR 6, Confirm certain Governor's appointees.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts73a02)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:05 Patti Keebler, Office of the Governor

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:10:58 John Sinrud

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:38 Sen. Balyeat  
 00:14:04 Sen. Shockley  
 00:14:30 Sen. Jent  
 00:14:52 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 00:15:10 Sen. Balyeat  
  
 00:15:41 recess  
 00:16:02 reconvene  
  
 00:16:09 Sen. Shockley  
 00:16:12 Sen. Balyeat  
 00:17:52 Rachel Weiss, LSD  
 00:18:20 Sen. Shockley  
 00:19:04 Sen. Balyeat  
 00:19:27 Patti Keebler  
 00:19:41 Vice Chairman Arthun  
 00:19:53 Sen. Shockley  
 00:20:15 Sen. Windy Boy entered the hearing.  
 00:20:27 Sen. Mowbray  
 00:21:11 Rachel Weiss  
 00:21:26 Sen. Windy Boy  
 00:21:33 Vice Chairman Arthun

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:01 Sen. Shockley

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 25**

00:23:13 **Motion:** Sen. Mowbray moved that **SJ 25 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:23:35 Sen. Arthun

00:23:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 6**

**Discussion:**

00:24:09 Sen. Balyeat  
 00:24:45 Chairman Shockley  
 00:24:51 Sen. Balyeat  
 00:24:56 Sen. Windy Boy  
 00:25:10 Chairman Shockley  
 00:25:44 Sen. Balyeat  
 00:25:59 Rachel Weiss

00:26:21 Chairman Shockley

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts73a03)

00:26:56 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **SR 6 BE ADOPTED**.

00:27:02 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **SR 6 BE AMENDED** segregating Bayliss Ward from the other nominees so that he can be considered for appointment at a separate hearing.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts73a04)

**Discussion:**

00:27:16 Chairman Shockley

00:27:23 Sen. Balyeat

00:27:42 Chairman Shockley

00:27:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

00:28:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **SR 6 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:28:26 Chairman Shockley

00:29:23 Patty Keebler

00:29:26 Chairman Shockley

00:29:34 Sen. Balyeat

00:29:56 Chairman Shockley

00:30:52 Sen. Mowbray

00:31:04 Chairman Shockley

00:31:37 Sen. Windy Boy

00:31:47 Chairman Shockley

**Additional Exhibit:**

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts73a05)

(regarding HB 180)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts73aad.pdf](#))